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Former POW Veteran will Sky Dive for 92nd Birthday

DALLAS – Not your typical style of celebrating a birthday, especially at 92, but Harry Thompson of Wolfe City could be the oldest former POW ever to sky dive.

Thompson, 92 in May, was a Chief Warrant Officer in the Army during WWII. He served with the 924th Field Artillery Battalion in the 99th Infantry Division and was captured December 17, 1944, in Bulligen, Belgium, when the Germans broke through American lines during the Ardennes Offensive, better known as the Battle of the Bulge. Thompson spent 136 days in several prison camps but was liberated in May 1945 from Oflag XIII B, Hammelburg, a prison camp for American officers – the same prison camp as Gen. Patton's son-in-law. In 2002, Thompson authored a book, *Patton's Ill-Fated Raid*, detailing his personal account.

This Former POW, Army veteran, senior citizen, author will add sky diver to his list of accomplishments Saturday, June 17 at the Audie Murphy Museum in Greenville at 12:30 p.m.

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